

# Schwarzenau Brethren Family Tree of Historic Groups (1708-2025)

*(Certain minor divisions and various defunct bodies have been omitted.)*



The eight original Brethren of 1708.

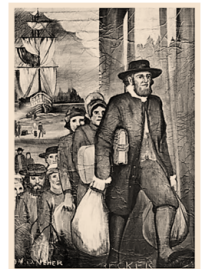


The original Schwarzenau Brethren (Germany, 1708)

German Baptist Brethren  
(in America after 1719)



Alexander Mack,  
founder



Peter Becker, 1719  
first Pastor  
in America

The Architect of  
Ultraconservatism:  
PETER NEAD

The Ultraconservatives

The Progressives

Old German Baptist  
Brethren (1881)

The Main Body;  
centrist / traditionalists

Brethren Church  
(1883; a.k.a., the  
Ashland Brethren)

The Church of the  
Brethren (name  
adopted in 1908)



Henry Holsinger,  
Progressive Leader



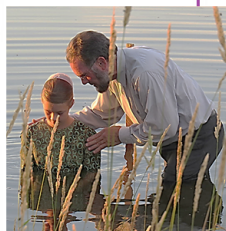
"Old Order"  
Groups

(Old Brethren,  
Old Order  
German Baptist  
Brethren, etc.)



Old German  
Baptist Brethren,  
New Conference  
Old German Baptist  
Brethren Church  
(2009)  
New  
Conference

Dunkard  
Brethren (1926)



Covenant  
Brethren  
Church (2020)



COB goes  
radically  
liberal



Grace Brethren  
Pioneers: Drs.  
Hoyt, McClain,  
Bauman.

Fellowship of  
Grace Brethren  
Churches (1939)\*

Conservative  
Grace Brethren  
Churches, Intl.  
(1992)



Dr. John  
Whitcomb,  
CGBCI.



The FGBC  
"rebrands" as  
Charis (2016)



\*Called the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches (1939-1976).